

Over the door is a fine inscription, in the language of the country, which runs thus: THEF FAROF THELOR DIS THEBE GINNING OFWIS DOM, and means in English, *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom*: and so, to be sure, it is: for if a man knows ever so much, and yet knows not enough to make him truly good and truly happy, he is nothing better after all than a *learned Fool*.

As to the Library itself it is indeed a very fine one, being full of a prodigious number of books in all languages, and upon every subject you can think on. But among the rest, there is a very pretty collection of little volumes, beautifully gilt and lettered for the amusement of his children.

A catalogue of most of which you will find at the end of this history, and may procure them, by applying to your old friend Mr. Newbery.

When you have entered the door, you will observe, directly facing you, between

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two large windows, a marble statue, like one of the old philosophers, which seems to look at you very earnestly, and to offer you a scroll of vellum, on which is written in golden capitals, THE QUINTESSENCE OF WISDOM. On the inside of it (for you must take and open it) you will find the following sentences;

"Set your affections on things above, and not on things below: for this world passeth away with all the glory thereof."

"The surest way to gain the esteem of our neighbours, is *really* to be what you would be *thought* to be."

"Be anxious for nothing; but in all things make your requests known unto God with thanksgiving."

"Avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

"Bless them who persecute and evil entreat you; bless and curse not."

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